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The Honorable L. Mendel Rivers Parliament House 420 South 20th Street Birmingham, Alabama 35233

My Dear Mr. Chairman:

I can't tell you how happy my colleagues and I are to learn of the very encouraging progress you have been making since your operation. Needless to say your presence on the Hill at this particularly active time is sorely missed, and we in the Agency. along with all your other friends in town, look forward to your early return.

Meanwhile do what the doctor says and take care of yourself.

With warmest personal good wishes for a speedy recovery, a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year,

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Michard Helms Director

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